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SUBJ: UN HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA
- PESSIMISTIC ABOUT RWANDAN CEASEFIRE

1. ON JUNE 27 AMBASSADOR MET WITH ARTURO HEIN, UN HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA, AT HIS REQUEST, FOR A BRIEFING ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. USAID/FFP CASE STEK AND REFCOORD LINDA THOMAS-GREENFIELD (NOTETAKER) ATTENDED MEETING.

2. EXTREMELY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN RWANDA, HEIN DESCRIBED THE SITUATION THERE

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AS A DRAMA. HE SAID THERE WAS NO LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENING. TALKS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RPF, BOTH OF WHOM INDICATE A DESIRE FOR A CEASEFIRE, BUT THE FIGHTING CONTINUES. HEIN SAID IT IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE TO OPERATE IN KIGALI WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY REBELS WITH POCKETS OF GOVERNMENT RESISTANCE. HEIN MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE RPF 10 DAYS EARLIER CONCERNING THE SITUATION. HE SAID THE RPF WAS SLOWLY MOVING SOUTH, HOWEVER, MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE POPULATION WAS IN GOVERNMENT HELD TERRITORY.

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3. HEIN GAVE A READOUT ON A MEETING HELD WITH RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EARLIER IN THE DAY ATTENDED BY THE RWANDAN MINISTERS OF PLANNING AND LABOR, THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR, ICRC, UN, AND RWANDA DART. HE SAID THE MEETING HAS CORDIAL COMPARED TO A LESS PLEASANT ONE-ON-ONE ENCOUNTER HE HAD THE PREVIOUS DAY WITH THE SAME GOVERNMENT PEOPLE. THE

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GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA REPORTED MORE THAN FOUR MILLION DISPLACED IN GOVERNMENT-HELD TERRITORY (A FIGURE THE UN IS UNSURE OF). THE RWANDANS WANTED TO KNOW HOW THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY INTENDED TO ASSIST THE DISPLACED AND ASKED FOR USD 300,000,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. ON FRENCH INTERVENTION, HEIN SAID HE AND GENERAL DALLAIRE WILL BE MEETING WITH THE FRENCH GENERAL IN GOMA ON THURSDAY, JUNE 30, TO DISCUSS COORDINATION WITH UNAMIR. HE SAID THE FRENCH MANDATE IS ONLY FOR TWO MONTHS AND THEN UNAMIR IS TO TAKE OVER. CURRENTLY THE FRENCH ARE IN GISENYI, KIGOMBE, AND CYANGUGU, ALL AREAS THAT WERE IN GOVERNMENT CONTROL WHERE THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN WELCOMED. HE IS UNSURE WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE FRENCH MOVE INTO RPF-HELD AREAS WHERE THEY ARE LESS WELCOMED. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE RPF HAS SAID IN PRIVATE THAT AS LONG AS THE FRENCH MISSION REMAINS HUMANITARIAN, IT WILL NOT INTERFERE.

5. ON NGARA REFUGEE CAMP, HEIN SAID THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT KILLERS IN THE CAMP. HE SAID THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 15 HUTU LEADERS IN THE CAMP WHO

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HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF COMMITTING ATROCITIES. HE
CONFIRMED THAT THE UN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY
FROM THE TANZANIAN WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL BE
PROVIDED. HE DID NOT ASK FOR USG SUPPORT FOR THIS
EFFORT. HEIN EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT A RWANDAN
"NUREMBURG LIKE" TRIBUNAL MIGHT DEMONSTRATE TO
RWANDANS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S CONCERN OVER
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THE KILLINGS AND MIGHT BE WHAT IS NECESSARY TO LESSEN
THE TENSION SURROUNDING RWANDA.

6. ON FUNDING FOR THE UN EFFORT, HEIN REPORTED THAT
THE UN PLANS TO LAUNCH TWO APPEALS. THE FIRST WILL
BE AN APPEAL FOR USD 12 MILLION FOR CONTINGENCY
PLANNING FOR ONE MONTH. THE SECOND WILL BE A
CONSOLIDATED APPEAL TO BE ISSUED IN GENEVA AND
LOCALLY FOR ALL THE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN RWANDA.
HEIN COULD NOT PROVIDE A FIGURE FOR THIS APPEAL WHICH
WILL BE ISSUED IN JULY.

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7. IN ISSUING THESE APPEALS, THE UN'S GOALS ARE THREEFOLD: TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY ITEMS FOR DELIVERY, TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR RELIEF WORKERS, AND TO REORGANIZE THE RELIEF EFFORT. THIS REORGANIZATION WOULD INCLUDE A COORDINATION MECHANISM MADE UP OF NGOS, DONORS, AND THE UN THAT WOULD BE A DECISIONMAKING BODY, UNLIKE THE CURRENT INFORMATION-SHARING COORDINATION GROUP THAT NOW MEETS REGULARLY. HE SAID THE UN IS CONCENTRATING ON THE IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN EFFORT WHILE THINKING OF THE FUTURE AND HOW TO REVITALIZE AGRICULTURE AND A NORMAL EXISTENCE IN RWANDA. HE NOTED THAT IN MANY AREAS THE CROPS ARE GOOD, AND WONDERED ALOUD WHY THE RPF WAS INSISTING ON KEEPING PEOPLE IN CAMPS WHEN CROPS ARE READY TO BE HARVESTED AND REPLANTED. HE RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH THE RPF PRESIDENT.

8. ALTHOUGH FUNDING TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS ARE AVAILABLE NOW, THE UN IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE END OF THE YEAR. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG SUPPORT NOTING THAT HE HAS SEEN THE US APCS NOW ARRIVING IN KAMPALA. AS FOR OTHER DONORS, THE JAPANESE HAVE DONATED NINE MILLION FOR UNHCR, ICRC, AND THE NGOS. SOUTH AFRICA HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PLAY A ROLE, AND DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY WITH THE DUTCH AND FRENCH ON WHAT ADDITIONAL ROLES THEY CAN PLAY.

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